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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MARSHALL WRIGHT

1. YOUR HILL APPEARANCES -- YOU ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AT 10:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, AND WITH THE HOUSE / FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT 10:00 A.M. BOTH ARE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS. THE DELAY IN THE APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE HOUSE IS IN RECESS ALL NEXT WEEK.

YOU PLEDGED TO SENATOR STENNIS AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE SHORTLY AFTER YOUR RETURN FROM CHINA. DO YOU WISH ME TO ARRANGE THAT APPEARANCE FOR NEXT WEEK?

2. PORTUGAL -- THE FOREIGN AID CONFERENCE HAS DELETED THE WORD "PORTUGAL" AND SUBSTITUTED FOR IT "ANY NON-AFRICAN COUNTRY." THAT TAKES CARE OF THIS PROBLEM

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SO FAR AS THE CONFERENCE IS CONCERNED. THE ONLY RE-

MAINING HURDLE LIES IN THE FACT THAT THE CONFERENCE HAS FAR EXCEEDED ITS AUTHORITY AND THE REVISION IS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO A POINT OF ORDER WHEN THE

CONFERENCE BILL COMES UP FOR FLOOR ACTION. IN THE SENATE WE PROBABLY DO NOT HAVE A PROBLEM IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE ORIGINAL SPONSOR, SENATOR TUNNEY, HAS ACQUIESCED IN THE REVISION. IN THE HOUSE THERE IS SERIOUS RISK OF A POINT OF ORDER, BUT SEVERAL OF OUR FRIENDS ARE AT WORK ON THE PROBLEM. IF WORST COMES TO WORST, WE CAN PROBABLY DEFEAT THE POINT OF ORDER ON A FLOOR VOTE.

3. TRIBUTES AND FLOWERS -- SENATOR HARTKE HAS INFORMED ME THAT HE PLANS IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO TO PAY A TRIBUTE TO YOU ON THE SENATE FLOOR. HE IS THINKING IN TERMS OF A SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH DETENTE, THE OPENING TO CHINA, AND THE SKILL AND ENERGY YOU HAVE DISPLAYED ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. THE THOUGHT BEHIND THE MOVE, APART FROM GENUINE ADMIRATION FOR OUR EFFORTS, IS TO "RESTORE SOME PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT" AND ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

4. MASF FOR VIETNAM -- THROUGH LEADERSHIP OF SENATOR AIKEN, WHO OBTAINED COOPERATION OF SENATOR CASE, AND WITH SUPPORT OR ACQUIESCENCE OF HOUSE CONFEREES MORGAN, ZABLOCKI, MAILLIARD, FASCELL AND FRELINGHUYSEN, WE OBTAINED TODAY FROM THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE THE DELETION OF VIETNAM FROM THE PROVISION TERMINATING SERVICE-FUNDED MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR VIETNAM AND LAOS IN JUNE, 1974. THE INITIAL EFFORT TO EXTEND THE DATE OF TERMINATION TO JUNE, 1975 FLOUNDERED ON THE PARLIAMENTARIAN'S RULING THAT IT WENT BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE'S AUTHORITY. WE BELIEVE DELETION OF VIETNAM FROM THE PROVISION WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO A POINT OF ORDER, DESPITE ITS VASTLY GREATER SUBSTANTIVE MEANING. IN SHORT, THERE IS NOW IN THE BILL NO REPEAT NO TERMINAL DATE FOR SERVICE-FUNDED MILITARY

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ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM.

BRYCE HARLOW PRECIPITATED THIS EFFORT AND, ON INSTRUCTIONS, WE SUPPORTED IT VIGOROUSLY. BUT THERE WILL BE COSTS INVOLVED IN CHAIRMAN FULBRIGHT'S ATTITUDE -- AND I HOPE THAT THE END RESULT OF THIS EFFORT IS NOT THAT WE LOSE THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL.

5. EX-IM BANK AUTHORIZATION AND SOVIET CREDITS. EXIM BANK HAS CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE STRONG EFFORTS IN TRAIN TO ENCUMBER EXIM BANK AUTHORIZATION BILL WITH PROHIBITION OF CREDITS TO USSR. THEY ESTIMATE THAT THEIR BILL WILL COME OUT OF THE SENATE WITH SUCH AN

AMENDMENT UPON IT AND THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET AN AUTHORIZATION BILL WITHOUT IT IN THE SENATE. BILL IS NOW IN ADLAI STEVENSON'S BANKING AND CURRENCY SUBCOMMITTEE.

EXIM BANK IS HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, OF DEFEATING EFFORTS TO LAUNCH SIMILAR AMENDMENT IN THE HOUSE. THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR HOUSE TO ACT UPON EXIM BANK AUTHORIZATION BILL IN THIS SESSION. THUS WE HAVE SOME TIME TO COUNSEL WITH STEVENSON AND OTHER KEY MEN IN BOTH HOUSES, AND WE ARE UNDERTAKING TO DO THIS. CASEY

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